

CLIMB MENTORING PROGRAM

WHAT IS IT?

In July of 2013, the Institute for Leadership and Professional Excellence launched a formal mentoring program designed to aid our young women in fostering meaningful, real-world connections. The goal is to provide every student not only with academic preparation but also with the soft skills she will need to be a successful professional in her field.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

For the mentors:

- ◆ The relationship *builds leadership and management skills*
- ◆ Expands a mentor's **professional network**
- ◆ Provides an *empowering opportunity to give back* to the community
- ◆ Provides **meaningful connections** that influence outcomes at home, at work and in their communities

For the mentees:

- ◆ Mentoring is linked to **improved academic, social and economic** prospects
- ◆ Empowers them to make **smart choices** that put them on a path to making **better life decisions**



- ◆ Mentors are part of a network of support that a young person can **consistently turn** to for the kind of big and small life lessons that you don't learn in a classroom
- ◆ By sharing their own life experiences, mentors provide students with **a clear vision** of what their future could look like

PROGRAM GOALS

- ◆ Foster a meaningful, consistent, professional and ethical relationships
- ◆ Help the student to learn more about your choice of profession and work/life balance
- ◆ Guide the student's plans toward career preparation and/or advanced study goals
- ◆ Model appropriate professional etiquette, dress and communication

MEETING EXPECTATIONS

- ◆ Physically meet with mentee at least twice per semester (twice in the fall and twice in the spring)
- ◆ Make contact at least six additional times before the end of the school year to discuss professional aspirations and plans for achieving them. Subsequent meetings can be via phone, LinkedIn, email, etc.

MENTOR REGISTRATION FORM

If you are interested in being a mentor, please fill out the form below and mail back to Chanté Clarkson at:
Columbia College Mentoring Program | Chanté Clarkson |
1301 Columbia College Drive | Columbia, SC 29203

Personal Information

Name: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Preferred Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Occupation/Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Professional Organizations (ie: PCW, WIP, Columbia Women's Club): _____

Are you a Columbia College Alumna? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what year did you complete your degree? _____

◆ List one short-term goal you have made for your future.

◆ What is your most memorable college experience?



◆ If you could learn something new, what would it be?

◆ If you could share something new, what would it be?

◆ What qualities would you like your mentee to have?

Please check all the activities you might like to do with your mentee or common interests you hope to share:

Movies Working w/children Hiking Technology

Computers Social Media Teaching Reading

Biology Law/Criminal Justice Community service projects

Music Singing Sports Sporting Events Arts/Crafts

Shopping Fashion Board Games Bowling

Miniature Golf Learning About Community Resources

Theatre/Plays Museums Working With Veterans

Working with the Sick Working w/Intellectual Disabilities

TESTIMONIALS

“When you are younger, sometimes you don’t know... what you don’t know. Because I have been around for a while and with all my years of working experience, I am hoping that I will be able to help her fill in some of those gaps to make it easier as she prepares to get out into the professional world.”




“I have been a career banker for over 30 years and I have a passion for helping others to grow and develop, particularly women. When I learned about CLIMB (the mentoring program) here at Columbia College, I couldn’t help but get involved!”

Become a Mentor Today

Most adults can think of a caring adult—a mentor, teacher, neighbor, coach, or adult who played a positive pivotal role in their lives as a child. Will you return the favor? Make a difference TODAY.

If you have questions about being a part of the mentoring program at Columbia College, please contact Chanté Clarkson at 803-786-3727 or via email at cclarkson@columbiasc.edu.

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